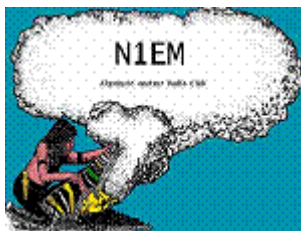


Algonquin Amateur Radio Club

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QRZ – The Newsletter for AARC members

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April 2008

Meetings!

General club meeting: The next AARC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 pm in the Marlborough Middle School's Library (behind the school on Thresher Drive).

- Greg Algieri (WA1JXR) will visit to discuss QRP operation.
- Nominations for club officers: Members may forward their nominations to Ed Fitzgerald or Tim Ikeda at any time from now until the close of the April meeting.

MEMA: The next MEMA meeting is scheduled for April 15th at the Marlborough E.O.C. More MEMA information is available at: www.qsl.net/n1em/EOC/EOChome.html

- On April 9th, there will be an LPEC meeting beginning at 9:00 am. Kevin Tully, Region 1, will give a talk on EOC operation.
- Ron Wood, W1PLW is in the process of updating the list of all first aid and CPR certification expiration dates for each member along with the NIMS training courses that they have taken. This list will help Don Cusson schedule classes and track which courses members have received. Please forward your information to Ron.
- Hazmat day: The town of Marlborough has set two dates in 2008 for the collection of hazardous household materials from town residents. These events will be held from 9 am to noon on May 10 and October 25 at the Easterly Water Pollution Control Facility. To support communications and direct traffic we will need about five or six volunteers between 8 - 10 am and about four people until noon. Volunteers should contact Don Cusson.

Member news

DX & IOTA: Eric Williams, KV1J, and his son Matthew, W1MAT, will be active from Miquelon (NA-32, DIFO FP-002, Grid GN17) as FP/KV1J and FP/W1MAT from July 9, 2008 through July 14, 2008. They will run SSB, CW and RTTY at 100W on all bands, 80M through 6M, using verticals and a TW2010 for antennas. During the IARU contest try to listen for

FP/KV1J on low power and FP/W1MAT running QRP from Zone 9. Stations may QSL via home call sign, Bureau, or on LOTW. For more details and up-to-date info, visit their Web page at: <http://www.kv1j.com/fp>

ARRL award: Eric also reports that Matthew has completed his DXCC and has submitted his application to the ARRL.

New ham: Tim Ikeda's spouse, Andrea Shauger passed her Technician Class license exam at the recent Marlborough flea market and received a callsign of KOIRGI (canine-derived). In fulfillment of an earlier agreement, Tim, KA1OS will now take two sessions of dance lessons. Fortunately, those lessons are not graded.

School Watch in May and June

The AARC will again conduct School Watch activities over the weekends prior to Marlborough High School's graduation. Our club provides a substantial amount of community support in late spring and this event requires the largest number of volunteer hours from club members. Please try to reserve a few weekend evenings in May for participating.

Regional flea markets

- Apr 5 Interstate Repeater Society (Londonderry, NH: off Rt.93, about 8 miles south of Manchester)
- Apr 6 **Framingham ARA** (Keefe Technical High School, 750 Winter St, Framingham, MA)
- Apr 19 Portland Amateur Wireless Assoc. (S. Portland ME)
- Apr 20 **The Flea at MIT** (Cambridge, MA)
- Apr 26 Great Bay Radio Assoc. Hamfest. (Rochester, NH)
- May 2-3 **NEAR-Fest** (Deerfield NH Fairgrounds)
<http://near-fest.com>

On the horizon...

- Activities and club events coming up in the next quarter:
- May 8 AARC main meeting – Voting tally for officers.
 - May 10 Hazmat day. Volunteers requested.
 - May-Jun School Watch. Details to be provided on the AARC email reflector and in the May newsletter. Please set aside some time to support this community service.
 - Jun 12 AARC – Kit night at By Request Communications.
 - Jun 28-29 ARRL Field Day in the Marlborough EOC. Planning for the event starts now. Please bring your suggestions to the club meeting.

Operating activities...

There are seven state and Canadian province QSO parties this month, making April a great time to fill in the blanks for a Work All States award. A special event station commemorating the 400th anniversary of Quebec's founding runs every day in April and the PART of Westford club plans to operate a special event station (callsign: K1P) celebrating Patriot's Day.

April & early May: Special event stations

- Apr 1-Apr 30, 0000Z-2359Z, Quebec, QC, Canada. Club Radio Amateur de Quebec, VC2VQ. **400th anniv. of foundation of Quebec City.** 14.150 7.070 3.780. QSL. www.craq.qc.ca
- Apr 10, 0000Z-2359Z, San Angelo, TX. AB5BG. **Bataan Death March.** 28.400 21.300 14.250 7.235. Certificate. ab5bg@wcc.net
- Apr 11-Apr 12, 1330Z-2100Z, Indian Orchard, MA. Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY. **96th Anniversary of the Titanic voyage.** 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033. QSL. www.hcra.org/titanic.htm

Apr 11-Apr 13, 1300Z-2359Z, Venice, FL. Tamiami ARC, K4S. **Annual Venice Sharks Tooth Festival.** 21.313 18.153 14.236 7.233. QSL. <http://tamiamiarc.tripod.com>

Apr 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Hawthorne, NJ. Bergen ARA, K2BAR. **Earth Day Celebration.** 28.350 21.325 14.325 SAT. Certificate. www.bara.org

Apr 12, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. **Commemorating the Centennial of the Great White Fleet visit to San Diego in 1908, and the USS Midway decommissioning in 1992.** 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. af6ha@yahoo.com.

Apr 12-Apr 13, 1400Z-0400Z, Ft Rucker, AL. Enterprise ARS, WD4ROJ. **Army Aviation Branch 25th Year.** 14.285 7.240. QSL. www.earsweb.com/calendar.asp

Apr 12-Apr 13, 1500Z-1900Z, Ft Sumter, Charleston Harbor, SC. Coastal ARA, W4BWZ. **2nd Annual "First Shots of the US Civil War"** April 12. 21.412 14.312 7.212 3.912. Certificate. This also a 3X Light House on the Air Station, covering historic Ft Sumter light, Sullivans Island & Morris Island lights. k4koa@arrl.net

Apr 14-Apr 23, 0000Z-2359Z, Westford, MA. PART of Westford, K1P. **Patriots Day celebration.** 21.300 18.140 14.250. QSL. www.wb1gof.org

Apr 19, 1600Z-2300Z, Everett, WA. Cascade RC, W7K. **60 years of ARRL affiliation.** 21.350 14.250 7.25 3.85. Certificate. Certificate. www.cascaderadioclub.org

Apr 19, 1600Z-2200Z, Long Beach, CA. Shoreline ARA, K6SYC. **SYC Salutes 33rd year of Long Beach Grand Prix.** 14.265 7.250 3.850 147.090. QSL. K6SYC@yahoo.com

Apr 19, 1600Z-2200Z, Norman, OK. South Canadian ARS, W5NOR. **Commemorating the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889.** 14.325. QSL. www.w5nor.org

Apr 19-Apr 20, 1400Z-0500Z, McArthur, OH. Vinton County ARC, W8V. **5 Covered Bridges in Vinton County, Ohio.** 14.250 14.080 7.225 3.835. Certificate. Tom Coelho, 62130 Locker Plant Rd, McArthur, OH 45651.

Apr 25-Apr 27, 1900Z-0700Z, Visalia, CA. International DX Convention, K6V. **Celebrating the 59th International DX Convention.** 14.250. QSL. www.dxconvention.org

Apr 26, 0000Z-2359Z, Wall, NJ. Ocean Monmouth ARC, N2MO. **International Marconi Day, Award Station.** 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. International Marconi Day Award Station from the original Belmar, NJ site. www.omarc.org

Apr 26, 1300Z-2330Z, Springfield, IL. Sangamon Valley RC, N9L. **2008 BSA Lincoln Trail Hike.** 14.240 7.240. QSL. www.svrc.org

Apr 26-Apr 27, 1600Z-2300Z, Aberdeen, WA. Grays Harbor ARC, W7ZA. **54th Birthday at Bowerman Airfield Tower, Hoquiam, WA.** 14.280 14.100 7.250 3.950. QSL. www.gharc.org

Apr 27, 1600Z-2200Z, Charlottesville, VA. Albemarle ARC, W9GFZ. **National Radio Astronomy Observatory Community Open House.** 14.220 7.220. QSL. awslinger@earthlink.net

May 2-May 4, 2100Z-2100Z, Paradise, MI. Lake Effect ARC, W8B. **Spring Raptor and Waterfowl Migration at the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory.** 14.340 7.180 7.070 7.050. Certificate and QSL available; \$1 US and SASE. www.lakeeffectarc.info/w8b.htm

May 3, 1200Z-2000Z, Wilmington, NC. Azalea Coast ARC, NI4BK. **Commissioning of submarine USS North Carolina.** SSB CW 20 40m Gen bands. QSL. www.ac4rc.org

May 3, 1500Z-2000Z, Reno, NV. EMCOMMWEST 2008, N7V. The **Biggest Little Ham Convention in the World!** 446.050 146.580 14.335 7.295 Reno/Sparks area. QSL. <http://emcommwest.org>

May 3, 1600Z-2200Z, Monticello, IL. Picorams, K9IYP. **Boy Scout's Prairie Fire Olympics.** 14.240. Certificate. www.piatthamradio.org

A selection of contests in April

Apr 4-6: **Montana QSO party.** 0000Z Apr-4 to 0000Z Apr-6. www.fvarc.org

Apr 5-6: **Missouri QSO party.** 1800Z Apr-5 to 0500Z Apr-6 & 1800Z Apr 6 to 2400Z Apr 6. (CW 40 kHz from band edge; Phone: 1.880,3.980,7.280,14.280,21.380,28.380) www.w0ma.org/mo_qso_party.htm

Apr 5-6: **QCWA Spring QSO party.** 1800Z Apr-5 to 1800Z Apr-6. (CW 1.810,3.540,7.035,14.040,21.050,28.050; Phone 1.845,3.890, 7.244,14.262,21.365,28.325) www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm

Apr 5-6: **QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party.** 1200Z Apr-5 to 2400Z Apr-6. (1.810,3.560,7.040,14.060,21.060,28.060) www.qrparci.org

Apr 12: **PSK31 Flavors Contest.** 1200 local Apr-12 to 1800 local Apr-12 (14.070-14.080)

Apr 12-13: **Japan International DX Contest.** 0700Z Apr 12 to 1300Z Apr 13 (160-10m) <http://jjdx.org>

Apr 12-14: **Georgia QSO party.** 1800Z Saturday until 0359Z Sunday & 1400Z to 2359Z on Sunday (CW 1.815,3.545,7.045,14.045, 21.045,28.045,50.095; Phone 1.865,3.810,7.225,14.250,21.300, 28.450,50.135) <http://gqp.contesting.com>

Apr 19-20: **Michigan QSO party.** (CW 45 kHz from band edge, Phone 3.825,7.200,14.250,21.300,28.450) www.miqp.org

Apr 19-20: **Motorola QSO party.** (Phone 1.880,3.880,7.180,14.280, 21.380,28.380,50.180) www.qsl.net/k9mot/motqp.htm

Apr 19-20: **Ontario QSO party.** (CW band edge + 30 kHz; Phone 1.87,3.735,3.86,7.07,7.26,14.13,14.265,21.26,28.36; VHF: 50.13, 52.54)

Apr 26-27: **Florida QSO party.** (CW 7.020-7.030,14.040-14.050, 21.040-21.050,28.040-28.050; Phone 7.265-7.275,14.265-14.275,21.340-21.350,28.480-28.490) www.floridaqsoparty.org

Apr 26-27: **Nebraska QSO party.** (CW: 1.805 and 35 kHz above band edge, Nov/Tech: 10 kHz above band edge; Phone: 1.915,3.865,7.265,14.265,21.365,28.465) www.qsl.net/hdxa

(Special event and contest information courtesy of the ARRL.)

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The Algonquin Amateur Radio Club (AARC) holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month (No meetings in July and August). Meetings are open to all in the community with an interest in Amateur Radio. For directions, contact a club officer or visit our web site at www.n1em.org. Meeting times are listed in this newsletter. The AARC also operates the N1EM repeater on 446.675 MHz, -offset, PL 88.5 Hz. This machine is open to all licensed amateur operators. An informal open net on this repeater is conducted Sundays at 8:00 PM.

We publish QRZ monthly from September through June. The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the preceding month. Text files are preferred and can be mailed to newsletter@n1em.org. For further information about QRZ and the AARC please send inquiries to the address listed above.

Current club officers

President	Ed Fitzgerald (K1DIN)
Vice President	Ron Wood (W1PLW)
Treasurer	Frank McInnis (K1IX)
Secretary	Tim Ikeda (KA1OS)